

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2, 4, 6 and 8 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are canceled by this amendment.

Applicants note that a number of editorial amendments have been made to the specification and abstract for grammatical and general readability purposes. Due to the number of changes made, a substitute specification and abstract are submitted herewith. No new matter has been added. Also enclosed is a marked-up copy of the original specification and abstract showing the changes incorporated into the substitute specification and abstract.

I. Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the “capacitive coupling” (claim 2), and the “two SAW filters” (claim 4) are not shown in the drawings.

Applicants are submitting herewith a new set of drawings (five replacement sheets) which include the above-noted features. In particular, Applicants note that new Fig. 1B includes the “capacitive coupling” as noted above, and that new Fig. 1C includes the “two SAW filters” as noted above. Applicants note that original Fig. 1 is now labeled as Fig. 1A.

Further, regarding Fig. 3, Applicants note a minor change has been made to correct a typographical error in the drawing. In particular, Applicants note that the reception filter 9 in the first high frequency switch 12 was incorrectly identified by the reference character 8, and that the low-pass filter 8 in the second high frequency switch was incorrectly identified by the reference

character 9. Accordingly, the replacement sheet for Fig. 3 includes the proper reference characters for the low-pass filter 8 and the reception filter 9.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants kindly request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings and indicate that the replacement drawings are acceptable.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten claim 8 in independent form by including all of the limitations of base claim 5, thereby placing this claim in condition for allowance. Applicants note claim 5 has been cancelled.

III. Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weigand (U.S. 5,990,580), and has rejected claims 2-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weigand in view of Furutani et al. (U.S. 6,788,958).

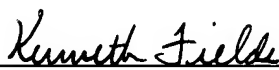
As noted above, claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form, thereby placing this claim in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 4 and 6 have been amended so as to depend from rewritten claim 8. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 2, 4 and 6 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 have been canceled.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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